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SUBJ: GENERAL STRIKE CLOSES NABLUS - CITY COUNCIL MAY STAY

REF: JERUSALEM 0325

1. UNUSUALLY EFFECTIVE GENERAL STRIKE PROTESTING ISRAELI ARMY'S ACTION AGAINST TUCAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 7 HAS FROZEN LIFE IN NABLUS. EYEWITNESSES AND PRESS REPORT BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS AND CINEMAS CLOSED AND TRAFFIC STOPPED. ATMOSPHERE DESCRIBED AS TENSE. SECURITY REINFORCED.

2. PRESS REPORTS CITY COUNCIL FIRM IN RESIGNATIONS, BUT WELL-INFORMED CONSULATE SOURCE IN TOUCH WITH ACTING MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO STAY FOLLOWING APOLOGY BY REPRESENTATIVE OF DEFENSE MINISTER PERES. RESIGNATION OF HEAD AND STAFF OF MUNICIPAL DEPT. OF EDUCATION AND STAFF OF TUCAN HIGH SCHOOL STILL SUBMITTED.

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3. STRIKE SUPPORTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COMMITTEE

OF LOCAL DOCTORS, AND LOCAL WOMEN'S GROUPS. STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING ANNULMENT OF JERUSALEM MAGISTRATE'S FULING THAT JEWS HAVE RIGHT TO PRAY ON HARAM, A BAN ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT AT KADUM ARMY CAMP NEAR NABLUS (WHERE GUSH EMUNIM GROUP HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO REMAIN "TEMPORARILY"), NON-ENTRY OF ISRAELI TROOPS IN SCHOOLS AND INVESTIGATION OF TUCAN HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT.

4. STUDENTS IN JENIN, RAMALLAH, BIREH AND BEIT SAHUR STRUCK IN SYMPATHY MARCH 8, ACCORDING TO ARABIC PRESS.

5. COMMENT: WEST BANK ARABS ARE OUTRAGED AT CONDUCT OF ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES, ESPECIALLY ENTRY INTO CLASSROOMS AND BEATING OF GIRLS. THERE ARE REPORTS SEVERAL STUDENTS SEVERELY INJURED. THEY CONTRAST MEASURES WITH THOSE IN RAMALLAH WHERE SECURITY FORCES HELD OFF WHILE MAYOR WENT TO JERUSALEM AND RETURNED TO ASSURE STRIKERS THAT ADEQUATE MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT HARAM. ASSUAGED, RAMALLAH DEMONSTRATORS ENDED PROTEST PEACEFULLY.  
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